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SUBJECT: MEXICAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

1. SCICOUNS AND CONRAD KLEVENO, EPA INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARIAT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (SMA) INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR DR. CARLOS DIAZ COLLER FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION US/MEXICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

2. AT DR. DIAZ' SUGGESTION, FRIEDMAN AND KLEVENO MET WITH UNDERSECRETARY HUMBERTO ROMERO ALVAREZ. ROMERO WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND OPEN, EXPRESSING HIS SINCERE DESIRE THAT THE US AND MEXICO, AND PARTICULARLY EPA AND SMA, DEVELOP CLOSE TECHNICAL AND PERSONAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS.

3. AMONG SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING WITH ROMERO WERE:

A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF EACH AGENCY AND THEIR SIMILARITIES.

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B. DESIRABILITY OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES, INCLUDING ANNUAL TECHNICAL EXCHANGE MEETING TO BE HOSTED ALTERNATELY BY SMA AND EPA.

C. ROEMERO'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH AND GET TO KNOW ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE.

4. FOLLOWING A HALF HOUR OF WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, ROMERO TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF INVITING FRIEDMAN AND KLEVENO TO SIT IN ON HIS WEEKLY MEETING WITH HIS DIRECTORS. THE FIVE DIRECTOR-GENERALS (WATER, FOODSTUFFS, AIR, HEALTH, AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS), AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS WERE EACH INTRODUCED TO THE AMERICAN VISITORS. AFTER ROMERO INTRODUCED THE VISITORS, HE IMPRESSED ON HIS STAFF HIS WISH THAT THEY COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT WITH THEIR EPA COUNTERPARTS. ALTHOUGH ROMERO WAS PREPARFD TO HAVE HIS AMERICAN VISITORS SIT THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF HIS STAFF MEETING, THEY THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO EXCUSE THEMSELVES. IT BECAME APPARENT THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS STAFF THAT ROMERO IS DETERMINED TO DEVELOP GOOD RAPPORT WITH CBGPA# AND HIS STAFF GOT THE MESSAGE.

5. ROMERO ASKED KLEVENO TO DELIVER HIS PERSONAL LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE AND TO SELIVER TO HIM A COPY OF A BOOK BY ROMERO ON US/MEXICO BORDER HEALTH. THOMPSON

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